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THE WEATHER.
For New York City and vicinity: Rain, brisk southeasterly winds.
For New Jersey and New England: Rain; variable winds.
The highest temperature yesterday was 40 degrees, at 8 p. m.
The lowest temperature yesterday was 35 degrees, at 6 a. m.



WHEELER WONT LET BAILEY KICK HIM OUT.



General Joe Wheeler.

Declares He Means to Hold His Seat in Congress in Spite of Him.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Major-General Joe Wheeler left here tonight for New York, where he will spend a few days on private business.

General Wheeler does not feel the least discouraged on account of Bailey's fight to oust him from his seat in Congress because he enlisted in the late war. The old hero of two wars was seen by the Journal correspondent to-night as he was nursing a daughter who is ill with the grip, a malady which is now prevalent in Washington.

"I understand," said the General, "that the strict constructionists of the Constitution are trying to relieve me of my seat in Congress."

"You ask me why a few Democrats should be interested in this movement. I answer that I do not know, unless it is because I refused to follow the leadership of Mr. Bailey last Summer on the question of expansion."

"My friends in Congress—my Democratic friends—have advised me not to talk for the press on this subject, and I am constrained to follow their advice for the present. But this much I will say concerning my status in Congress: I believe I have a perfect right to continue to hold my seat in Congress, exercising all the functions of a duly accredited Representative. I acknowledge there are precedents pro and con against such right."

"But however the verdict of the present Congress may affect my seat therein for the next forty-five days—and I understand this evening that the Judiciary Committee will not take up the question of the legality of these cases until after the recess in January—a decision can only affect my seat in the present Congress, and I shall return to the Fifty-sixth Congress, to which I have been unanimously chosen by my constituency. The people of my district thoroughly understand the motive of the present movement to put me out of this Congress."

"You may, therefore, say that I shall pursue the even tenor of my way and do what I conceive to be right, expecting to hold my seat in Congress and serve in the army just so long as it is manifested that those services are needed."

HOBSON EXPLAINS WHY HE KISSED.

He Tells the Journal That the Women, Fired with Patriotism, Wanted to Pay Tribute to Him.

Denver, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Hobson explained to-night, just before leaving for San Francisco, how he happened to get into the wholesale kissing business. He made the following statement to the Journal in defence of his osculatory course:

"To begin with, the majority of the women whom I kissed were schoolgirls. It is true that there were frequently numbers of young and some elderly women who came forward to greet me at the public receptions, and I kissed some of them and some of them kissed me. I attribute their conduct entirely to the pure enthusiasm of patriotism, and I recognized and appreciated it as such."

"I wish it distinctly understood that on their part the kissing was due to the beautiful patriotism which burned within them, and on my part I felt honored that they cared to pay me such tribute."

"I do not see why the public should care if the ladies of the West desire to manifest their appreciation of my achievements by kissing me, no matter if it is a little different from the way their sisters of the East treated me."

"If there is any blame to be attached to what the ladies of Chicago did, or what the young girls of Kansas did, in receiving me so warmly, it should not fall on them. They were actuated by purely patriotic motives, and I will accept the responsibility for the blame."

General Lee Kissed, Too.
"I am told that, when General Lee toured the South during the civil war, he was received in many places similar to the way I have been welcomed. The ladies of our fair Southernland, and the school children, kissed the General wherever he went. Yet no one intimated that General Lee was disgracing himself, and the people of that generation thought it no more than right to show their great love for their leader in that way."

"As to the criticism that I ought not to lecture, the people should know that, while I was in Greensboro, Ala., the Assistant Secretary of the Navy repeated a telegram to me, which he had sent to the Navy Reserve in Chicago, saying that he approved of my lecturing there. This was in response to a request made before I went to Chicago."

"As to my speaking in Denver, Senator Teller obtained the consent of the Navy Department for me to stop here and deliver my lecture on the sinking of the Merrimack long before I knew I was coming to Denver at all. It is true that my greatest ambition is to direct the work of raising sunken Spanish vessels and I was disappointed at not being allowed to raise the Colon and Viscaya."

"When I had successfully restored the Teresa I was promised that I would be allowed to superintend the raising of the Colon, and asked for on a small outfit of cash with which to have the work done, but the opportunity was refused. I begged the Department to let me give my attention to it, but it was of no use."

Snaubed by Long, He Says.

"I also asked that the Department allow me to assist in the raising of the Fairfax, which was wrecked on the New England coast. The Merchants' and Miners' Company, of Baltimore, had asked me for a recommendation as to the best manner to proceed in the recovery of the Fairfax, but the Department declined to grant me permission to go and see the company. Then I asked for a week's leave before proceeding to Hong Kong and Manila, in order that I might remain longer at my old home in Alabama. I was permitted to remain at Greensboro, but two days with my mother, whom I had not seen for a long time. She was all broken up at my having to leave so soon on a journey that would carry me thousands of miles away into a foreign land."

"When I was ordered to New York, the trip consumed four or five days' time, which I had hoped to spend with my mother. I telegraphed the Department to allow me to wait until the steamer of the following Saturday, but instead they sent me peremptory orders to sail from San Francisco on the 24th. Instead of going on the Pekin, I shall take the Gaelic for Hong Kong. I go to superintend the reconstruction of three small cruisers which were raised at Manila by Naval Constructor Capps."

Lieutenant Hobson spoke before a large audience at the Tabernacle Open House this afternoon, but the crowd was cold, and after the address none of the women present showed any desire to get within kissing distance of the young officer.

AMERICAN WOMEN NOT TO BE DEGRADED.

McKinley Seriously Aroused.

Determined to Oppose Roberts.



W. C. H. O. I.

Protests from Every Household.

Polygamists Alarmed at Outcry.



Wife No. 2.



Wife No. 3.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Extraordinarily energetic opposition is being developed to the seating of a polygamist in Congress. The most interesting feature of to-day is the fact that President McKinley himself is preparing to defeat what he considers a desecration of the American home and an insult to American womanhood.

Mr. McKinley is quoted by Senators and Congressmen who are his intimates as deeply interested in this question. He has expressed his horror at the thought of polygamy or its advocates sharing in the legislation of the United States.

Congressmen of both parties, almost without exception, have been flooded with letters and telegrams from women and from clergymen. Many of them, it is said, have heard directly from their own wives. It is almost safe to say that Mr. Roberts, the Polygamist, will never take his seat in the Lower House.

His backers in Utah declare that he cannot be constitutionally prevented from holding his seat, since any State has the right to legalize Polygamy if it chooses. This, however, is absurd, as the House by a two-thirds vote can refuse to seat any member for any reason which seems to it sufficient.

Many members are surprised at the extraordinary feeling which manifests itself in the case of Roberts, the polygamist. It is the first time that the women of America have been universally interested in the question affecting the seating of a member.

The men from Utah declare privately their belief that their State, in view of the storm that has arisen, will avoid the issue, give up the fight and persuade Roberts to withdraw and let the seat be filled by some man with one wife only.

Pennsylvania Women Aroused.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The women's clubs and societies of Philadelphia are organizing a campaign of sentiment to oppose the seating of Roberts, the polygamist, Congressman-elect from Utah. Petitions are being circulated and meetings of all the women's clubs and societies, church and secular, have been called to take action looking to forceful representation to the Pennsylvania delegation in the lower House of the anti-Roberts sentiment.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—If Pittsburg church and society women can influence the Pennsylvania Congressmen, they will make a unit-rule fight against the seating of Congressman-elect Roberts, of Utah. Meetings and petitions are the weapons which the women have adopted to express their belief that the seating of the polygamist statesman would be an insult to American womanhood.

Maryland Women United.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—Maryland women of all degrees are writing in protest to Congress against the seating of the delegate from Utah, Roberts, the man of three wives. The ladies of the Catholic and Protestant church societies are heading the movement, which will result in a protest to Congress direct, and a strong representation of feminine sentiment to the Maryland delegation.

Illinois Women Agitating.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The agitation over the election of Roberts, the polygamist, as a Congressman from Utah, is gaining strength every day. Mrs. Ellen Henrotin, Mrs. Matilda B. Carle and other representative women, are exerting every influence to secure the pledge of the Illinois representatives that they will vote against the acceptance of the Mormon Congressman's credentials. The wives of the Congressmen are being "electornered" and petitions are being circulated in all parts of the city, some for the signatures of registered voters, others for the signatures of women. They are being liberally signed.

Ohio Women Organized.

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—There will be a hot fight in Congress before Roberts, the Mormon Representative elected from Utah, can take his seat, if public sentiment in other parts of the country responds to the indignation manifested in this city.

The women are organizing here for the purpose of influencing the Ohio Congressmen to protest against the acceptance of the Mormon on the ground that he is ineligible. Petitions are being circulated by ladies prominent in society and in church circles. A monster petition, signed exclusively by women, will be sent to Mrs. McKinley.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—The news of the election of a man with three wives as a Congressman from Utah has raised a storm of indignation here. Society women of Walnut Hills have called a meeting to formulate a protest to Congress, and the ladies of the church societies are organizing a canvass by means of blank petitions.

Women of the South Determined.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Every Missouri Congresswoman will receive a dozen sets of resolutions protesting against the admission of the Mormon, Roberts, to the Congress of the United States. The society ladies are organizing a general women's protest against what they call "this proposed desecration of American institutions—this insult to American womanhood."

ECKELS PLAYED BOY TOO WELL.

Former Currency Comptroller Badly Injured at Costume Party.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—James H. Eckels, president of the Commercial National Bank, and former Comptroller of the Currency, will spend his Christmas in bed as a result of playing boy at a fashionable party on Monday night. His ailment is what is generally known as a "football knee."

The party was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sprague, of No. 2710 Prairie avenue, in honor of Dr. Coolidge's birthday. Only grown people attended, but all were dressed in children's costumes, as in the Kelley-Shannon play of "The Moth and the Flame."

Mr. Eckels is not very large, and has a smooth face, and when he donned knickerbockers and slippers he looked the part of a boy of the Little Lord Fauntleroy age, and he acted the part as well. He jumped, ran, skipped and indulged in all sorts of boyish pranks.

He was the star of the party. On the slippery hardwood floor of the dining room he fell, and when picked up he couldn't walk. His doctor says he will be kept in bed for two weeks, after which he may be compelled to use crutches for a month.

MAD DOG BITES THREE CHILDREN.

Locked in a Room with It. Policeman, After a Good Fight, Kills the Beast.

Three little children, shut up in a small room with a dog gone mad, had an exciting adventure in Paterson yesterday morning. They are Henry Petersen, aged nine; Joseph Petersen, aged seven, and Mamie Petersen, aged five, children of Mrs. Petersen, a widow. She had left them in the house at No. 12 Fair street to go on an errand.

The Petersens had a pet dog, half pug, half terrier. It was lying quietly in front of a stove when Mrs. Petersen left the house. A few minutes later it began to bark and run about, frothing at the mouth and upsetting furniture and crockery in the room.

Henry, the older boy, tried to catch the dog and was bitten in the leg. Joseph was bitten a moment later, and then Mamie's right hand was badly bitten.

The children were screaming wildly, and neighbors summoned Patrolman Bush. The policeman forced his way into the house and the dog attacked him. Bush had only his club, with which he made a gallant defence. Dodging the wild animal whenever it attempted to bite him, he finally relieved the dog with a blow on the head. Few more blows ended its life. The injuries of the children were cauterized.

MR. HENRY T. SLOANE Gives His Version of New York's SOCIAL SENSATION.

He Tells the Journal He and His Wife Have Separated, and His Reason for Deeding His House to Her.



HENRY T. SLOANE.

HENRY T. SLOANE'S STATEMENT.

AT Mr. Sloane's direction the following authorized statement was made exclusively to the Journal yesterday, and afterward copied extensively in other papers:

"Mr. Henry T. Sloane and his wife have separated.
"Mr. Sloane has left his home, No. 9 East Seventy-second street, and is now living at the Buckingham Hotel.

"Mrs. Sloane is still at the Sloane mansion.
"On October 1, 1898, Mr. Sloane transferred to his wife the Sloane residence in East Seventy-second street. This he did not as a peace offering, but as an indication of his wish that Mrs. Sloane might maintain her status in society.

"Mr. Sloane has retained A. C. Brown, of the Equitable Life building, as his legal adviser to take charge of his legal interests.

"Mr. Sloane's children are living with their mother pending a legal decision in regard to them. Mrs. Sloane is confined to her room with a severe attack of the grip."



MRS. HENRY T. SLOANE.

THE news of the separation of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Sloane, which the Journal told yesterday morning, in the simplest and most considerate manner possible, was even thus told, the most startling social revelation that this city's society has ever been called upon to consider.

Even when unaccompanied by any elucidation of causes, when stripped of all elaboration of details, the thing was shocking. It awakened a question which upper tendon—for the number of the elect is fast being reduced to that, under